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Medical Administration

Provision of a Boys' Hostel for the Medical College, Madras.

*604 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to provide a boys' hostel for the Medical College students;

(*b*) if so, what the total cost is of the estimates and when the same will be sanctioned; and

(*c*) what the cause is for the delay?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The scheme for the construction of a hostel for the male students of the Madras Medical College at an approximate cost of Rs. 1,87,500 (excluding the cost of land) was sanctioned by the Government in April 1927. Subsequently the Surgeon-General submitted a revised scheme which was estimated to cost about Rs. 3 lakhs. This scheme, with slight modifications, was sanctioned in July 1929.

(*c*) The construction of the buildings was taken up after the scheme was sanctioned in July 1929, and foundations were laid. In view of the then prevailing financial stringency and in pursuance of the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee, the construction of the buildings was postponed for a period of two years with effect from September 1931. In August 1933, the Surgeon-General submitted proposals for the renewal of the work. In the meanwhile in view of the urgent need for a site for the new buildings proposed to be constructed for the Government Press, the Government ordered that the suitability of the hostel site for the location of the new Press buildings should be investigated. In these circumstances the construction of buildings for the hostel could not be proceeded with. It will take some months to arrive at a final decision on the question.

Appointment of a male Medical officer to be in charge of the Maternity ward of the Women and Children's Hospital, Mangalore.

*605 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact, that there are two women doctors in the Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore and yet a medical man who is an honorary surgeon is put in charge of the maternity ward;